

# Overview of Curriculum

Focus Area #1 - About Me			
Toddler Topic	Big Ideas	Featured Books	Books to Make
My Name – I'm Growing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ I have a name.</li> <li>➤ I am growing.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mother Goose books</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ <i>See How We Have Grown</i></li> <li>◦ <i>We Are Friends</i></li> </ul>
My Body	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ My body has many parts.</li> <li>➤ I can move my body in many ways.</li> <li>➤ I can do many things by myself and with help from others.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>From Head to Toe</i> by Eric Carle (+BB)</li> <li>• <i>Hands Can</i> by Cheryl Willis Hudson, photographs by John-Francis Bourke (+BB)</li> <li>• <i>Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes</i> illustrated by Annie Kubler (BB)</li> <li>• <i>I Can</i> by Helen Oxenbury (BB)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ <i>See How We Have Grown</i></li> </ul>
My Senses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ I use my senses to learn about my world.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?</i> by Bill Martin, Jr., illustrated by Eric Carle (+BB)</li> <li>• <i>I Hear</i> by Helen Oxenbury (BB)</li> <li>• <i>I See</i> by Helen Oxenbury (BB)</li> <li>• <i>I Touch</i> by Helen Oxenbury (BB)</li> <li>• <i>I Went Walking</i> by Sue Williams, illustrated by Julie Vivas (+BB)</li> <li>• <i>Polar Bear, Polar Bear, What Do You Hear?</i> by Bill Martin, Jr., illustrated by Eric Carle (+BB)</li> <li>• <i>The Very Busy Spider</i> by Eric Carle (+BB)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ <i>Texture Book</i></li> </ul>
Feelings and Emotions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ I have feelings and emotions.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?</i> by Bill Martin, Jr., illustrated by Eric Carle (+BB)</li> <li>• <i>If You're Happy and You Know It</i> by Jane Cabrera</li> </ul>	
Focus Area #2 – My Family and My Community			
Toddler Topic	Big Ideas	Featured Books	Books to Make
My Family and Home	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ My family includes the people I live with plus other family members.</li> <li>➤ I live with my family in a place we call home.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Goodnight Moon</i> by Margaret Wise Brown, illustrated by Clement Hurd (+BB)</li> <li>• <i>In the Rain with Baby Duck</i> by Amy Hest, illustrated by Jill Barton</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ <i>Places We Call Home</i></li> <li>◦ <i>Our Family's Favorite Cereal Book (Environmental Print Book)</i></li> <li>◦ <i>Textured Houses</i></li> </ul>
Things I Do with My Family	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ We share love in our family.</li> <li>➤ We share rituals and routines in our family.</li> <li>➤ I like to do things and go places with my family.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Goodnight, My Duckling</i> by Nancy Tafuri (+BB)</li> <li>• <i>Kiss Good Night</i> by Amy Hest, illustrated by Anita Jeram (+BB)</li> <li>• <i>Runaway Bunny</i> by Margaret Wise Brown, illustrated by Clement Hurd (+BB)</li> <li>• <i>Ten, Nine, Eight</i> by Molly Bang (+BB)</li> <li>• <i>Time for Bed</i> by Mem Fox, illustrated by Jane Dyer (+BB)</li> </ul>	

My Classroom Community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ I am a part of a center and classroom community.</li> <li>➤ I am beginning to make friends with other children in my classroom.</li> <li>➤ My friends and I do things together in my classroom.</li> </ul>	Developers could locate no appropriate books about the Classroom Community for toddlers.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ <i>Friend, Friend, Who Do You See?</i></li> <li>◦ <i>We Are Friends</i></li> </ul>
People in My Community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ In my community there are people who help keep me safe.</li> <li>➤ In my community there are people who help keep me healthy.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Five Little Monkeys Jumping on the Bed</i> by Eileen Christelow</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ <i>Keeping Me Safe</i></li> <li>◦ <i>Keeping Me Healthy</i></li> </ul>

### Focus Area #3 – My Favorite Things for Play and Learning

Toddler Topic	Big Ideas	Featured Books	Books to Make
Toys for Hugging and Pretending	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ I like toys that are soft and that I can hug and cuddle.</li> <li>➤ I like toys that I can pretend with.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Corduroy</i> by Don Freeman</li> <li>• <i>Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes</i> by Annie Kubler (BB)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ <i>Touch Teddy's Tummy</i></li> </ul>
My Senses and Play	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ I use my senses when I play.</li> <li>➤ Playing in sensory materials such as sand and water is lots of fun.</li> <li>➤ Creating and playing with bubbles is also fun.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>I Touch</i> by Helen Oxenbury (BB)</li> <li>• <i>The Very Busy Spider</i> by Eric Carle (+BB)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ <i>Touch Teddy's Tummy</i></li> </ul>
Motor Skills and Play	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ I can stack and build with blocks</li> <li>➤ I can roll, toss, catch and throw a ball</li> <li>➤ I can do lots of things with beanbags</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Changes, Changes</i> by Pat Hutchins</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ <i>Playing with Balls is Fun</i></li> <li>◦ <i>Playing with Toys is Fun</i></li> </ul>
Music and Movement Play	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ I like to play with things that make lots of noise.</li> <li>➤ I like to play rhythm instruments.</li> <li>➤ I enjoy listening to and moving to music.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Pots and Pans</i> by Patricia Hubbell, illustrated by Diane deGroat (BB)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ <i>Playing with Toys is Fun</i></li> </ul>

### Focus Area #4 – Clothes We Wear

Toddler Topic	Big Ideas	Featured Books	Books to Make
Clothes for Different Occasions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Clothes have names.</li> <li>➤ We wear certain clothes when we come to the center.</li> <li>➤ We wear "dress-up" clothes for pretend play.</li> <li>➤ We put clothes on our dolls and our stuffed animals.</li> <li>➤ We wear certain clothes when we go to special places such as church or parties.</li> <li>➤ We wear different clothes when it is hot and when it is cold.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Mary Wore Her Red Dress and Henry Wore His Green Sneakers</i> adapted and illustrated by Merle Peek</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ <i>Clothes We Wear</i></li> </ul>

Clothes for Bed, Work and Play	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ We wear certain clothes when we go to bed at night.</li> <li>➤ We wear certain clothes when we play.</li> <li>➤ Some people wear special clothes for work and play.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Five Little Monkeys Jumping on the Bed</i> by Eileen Christelow (+BB)</li> <li>• <i>Pajama Time</i> by Sandra Boynton (BB)</li> <li>• <i>Ten, Nine, Eight</i> by Molly Bang (+BB)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ <i>People Wear Uniforms for Work and Play</i></li> </ul>
On My Head, On My Hands, On My Feet	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ We wear different things on our head (caps, hats, helmets).</li> <li>➤ We wear different things on our feet (flip flops, sandals, shoes, boots, slippers, boots, high heels, sneakers/tennis shoes, socks.)</li> <li>➤ We wear gloves and mittens on our hands.</li> <li>➤ Some people wear different kinds of gloves for their work and play (workman's gloves, baseball gloves, golf gloves, boxing gloves).</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mother Goose Books</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ <i>On My Head</i></li> <li>◦ <i>On My Hands</i></li> <li>◦ <i>On My Feet</i></li> </ul>
Fasteners, Pockets and Accessories	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Clothes have buttons, zippers, snaps and Velcro ®.</li> <li>➤ Clothes have pockets.</li> <li>➤ We carry things in pockets, purses, wallets and bags.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>A Pocket for Corduroy</i> by Don Freeman</li> <li>• <i>Corduroy</i> by Don Freeman</li> </ul>	
<b>Focus Area #5 – Things that Grow</b>			
<b>Toddler Topic</b>	<b>Big Ideas</b>	<b>Featured Books</b>	<b>Books to Make</b>
Vegetables	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ We can grow vegetables.</li> <li>➤ Vegetables are good to eat.</li> <li>➤ Vegetables come in different sizes, shapes, colors and textures.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>The Carrot Seed</i> by Ruth Krauss, illustrated by Crockett Johnson (+BB)</li> <li>• <i>The Tale of Peter Rabbit</i> by Beatrix Potter (+BB)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ <i>We Can Grow Vegetables</i></li> </ul>
Flowers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ We can grow flowers.</li> <li>➤ Flowers have names.</li> <li>➤ Flowers come in many different colors.</li> <li>➤ Flowers need soil, water and sunshine to grow.</li> </ul>	Developers could locate no appropriate books about flowers for toddlers.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ <i>Red Rose, Red Rose, What Do You See?</i></li> <li>◦ <i>Flowers of Many Colors</i></li> </ul>
Trees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Trees are all around us; in our yard, in the park, on the playground.</li> <li>➤ Trees give us shade.</li> <li>➤ We can have fun in the shade of trees.</li> <li>➤ Birds live in trees.</li> </ul>	Developers could locate no appropriate books about trees for toddlers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ <i>I Like Trees</i></li> <li>◦ <i>If I Were a Blue Bird</i></li> </ul>

## Focus Area #6 – Animals in Our World

Toddler Topic	Big Ideas	Featured Books	Books to Make
Pets: Dogs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ We can have dogs as pets.</li> <li>➤ Dogs are different sizes and colors.</li> <li>➤ We can help take care of our dogs.</li> <li>➤ Dogs bark.</li> <li>➤ Some dogs have doghouses and dog beds.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Clifford the Big Red Dog</i> by Norman Bridwell (+BB)</li> <li>• <i>Bingo</i> by Rosemary Wells (BB)</li> <li>• <i>Please, Puppy, Please</i> by Spike Lee &amp; Tonya Lewis Lee, illustrated by Kadir Nelson</li> </ul>	
Pets: Cats	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ We can have cats as pets.</li> <li>➤ We can help take care of our cats.</li> <li>➤ Cats are different colors.</li> <li>➤ Cats purr and meow.</li> <li>➤ Some cats have beds.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Three Little Kittens</i> by Paul Galdone</li> <li>• <i>Mama Cat Has Three Kittens</i> by Denise Fleming</li> <li>• <i>Cat's Colors</i> by Jane Cabrera</li> </ul>	
Farm Animals: Horses and Cows	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Horses and cows live on a farm.</li> <li>➤ Horses and cows are big animals.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Big Red Barn</i> by Margaret Wise Brown, illustrated by Felicia Bond</li> <li>• <i>Old Macdonald Had a Farm</i> illustrated by Pam Adams (+BB)</li> <li>• <i>I Went Walking</i> by Sue Williams, illustrated by Julie Vivas (+BB)</li> </ul>	
Farm Animals: Pigs, Sheep and Goats	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Pigs, sheep and goats live on a farm.</li> <li>➤ Pigs, sheep and goats are medium size animals.</li> <li>➤ Lambs are small sheep.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Tomie's Three Bears and Other Tales</i> by Tomie dePaola (BB)</li> <li>• <i>Mary had a Little Lamb</i> as told and illustrated by Iza Trapani (+BB)</li> <li>• <i>Ask Mr. Bear</i> by Marjorie Flack</li> </ul>	
Farm Animals: Chickens, Ducks and Geese	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Chickens, ducks and geese live on a farm.</li> <li>➤ Chickens, ducks and geese have feathers.</li> <li>➤ Chickens, ducks and geese are small animals.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Five Little Ducks</i> illustrated by Ivan Bates</li> <li>• <i>Rosie's Walk</i> by Pat Hutchins (+BB)</li> <li>• <i>Goodnight My Duckling</i> by Nancy Tafuri</li> <li>• <i>Spots, Feathers, and Curly Tails</i> by Nancy Tafuri</li> </ul>	

## Focus Area #7 – More Animals

Toddler Topic	Big Ideas	Featured Books	Books to Make
Squirrels and Rabbits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Rabbits have soft fur.</li> <li>➤ Rabbits can hop.</li> <li>➤ Squirrels can run and they can climb trees.</li> <li>➤ Rabbits have short fluffy tails.</li> <li>➤ Squirrels have long bushy tails.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Peter Rabbit</i> by Beatrix Potter (+BB)</li> <li>• <i>Goodnight Moon</i> by Margaret Wise Brown, illustrated by Clement Hurd (+BB)</li> <li>• <i>Runaway Bunny</i> by Margaret Wise Brown, illustrated by Clement Hurd (+BB)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ <i>Gray Squirrel, Gray Squirrel, What Do You See?</i></li> </ul>
Frogs and Turtles	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Frogs can hop, jump and leap.</li> <li>➤ Turtles move very slowly.</li> <li>➤ Turtles live inside a hard shell.</li> <li>➤ Turtles and frogs live in the water and on land.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Jump, Frog, Jump!</i> by Robert Kalan, illustrated by Byron Barton</li> </ul>	

Bugs and Spiders	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Bugs and spiders can crawl.</li> <li>➤ We see bugs in the grass and on the ground.</li> <li>➤ Spiders spin webs.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>The Itsy-Bitsy Spider</i> by Rosemary Wells (+BB)</li> <li>• <i>The Very Busy Spider</i> by Eric Carle (+BB)</li> </ul>	
<b>Focus Area #8 – On the Go</b>			
<b>Toddler Topic</b>	<b>Big Ideas</b>	<b>Featured Books</b>	<b>Books to Make</b>
Toys and Ride-on Vehicles with Wheels	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ I like to play with toys with wheels.</li> <li>➤ We can ride on vehicles with wheels: tricycle, bicycle, motorcycle and 4-wheeler.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>I Spy Little Wheels</i> by Jean Marzollo, illustrated by Walter Wick (+BB)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ <i>Vehicles to Ride On</i></li> </ul>
Going Places	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ We can go places in cars and trucks.</li> <li>➤ We can go places in SUVs, vans and buses.</li> <li>➤ We can go places in boats.</li> <li>➤ We can go places in airplanes and on trains.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>The Wheels on the Bus</i> illustrated by Annie Kubler (BB)</li> <li>• <i>My Car</i> by Byron Barton (+BB)</li> <li>• <i>Who Sank the Boat?</i> by Pamela Allen</li> <li>• <i>Flying</i> by Donald Crews</li> </ul>	
Construction and Community Helper Vehicles	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Construction workers drive big vehicles for their work.</li> <li>➤ Community helpers drive special vehicles for their work.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>I Spy Little Wheels</i> by Jean Marzollo, illustrated by Walter Wick (+BB)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ <i>Vehicles for Construction Workers</i></li> <li>◦ <i>Vehicles for Community Helpers</i></li> </ul>